

Thieves Arrested and Fined.

The three young men accused of stealing lap robes and blankets and other articles from vehicles at Bethel church at Champ one night last week were arraigned before Judge Bass Thursday. They plead guilty to petit larceny and each was fined \$20.95.

H. A. Forgey Under Arrest.

H. A. Forgey was arrested at Bowling Green last week on a charge of piloting a "Booze" boat up and down the Missouri River last spring after Boone county had voted "dry." Forgey formerly lived in Mexico.

Had Richards Arrested.

A case is to be tried in Judge Bass' court in this city today which comes here on change of venue from Justice John H. Thole's court in Vandalia.

Thomas Richards and Fred Bishop are neighbors near Vandalia. It seems that Richards had a drove of hogs and Bishop had a flock of turkeys. Richards alleges that every time he fed his hogs Bishop's turkeys came over the fence and helped pick up the corn, too.

Richards got tired of feeding the turkeys and he is charged with killing some of them and taking them to Wellsville and selling them on the market and getting the money.

Then Bishop got tired and had Richards arrested, hence the case to be held today.

Public Utilities to the people.

The Cole Co., Mo., Democrat makes the following pointed observation:

Public franchises are no longer to be given away at the pleasure of a city council. They cost too much for the people who own them. Public utilities are beneficial; they should be encouraged and supported; but so far as they get their gain from the privileges which the people give them, they must make return to the people.

The Christian News-Letter, a little paper issued by Rev. W. M. White, pastor of the Mexico Christian Church, has been admitted as second-class matter at the Mexico postoffice. As its name indicates, it is indeed newsy. Bro. White wants 1000 subscribers, at 25 cents a year, and he should have them, for the publication is more than worth it.

The simplest solution of the vexed tariff question is direct taxation for the paying of all national expenses. Forced thus from its present position of being a necessary part of the government's operating expenses, it would be viewed, understood and disposed of on its merits. Why should the nation raise its expenses by indirect taxation any more than should the state, county or city? Instead of being made a governmental necessity, let it stand in its true class, along with free franchises and subsidies to the private owners of public utilities. Any public measure that is not cooperatively in the interest of all, is vicious and prejudicial to the masses.

Mrs. Amelia Bickley and daughter, Miss Mary, are visiting at Dayton, Ohio.

Miss Martha Mathews leaves today for Ft. Smith, Ark., where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

Profs. Barley and Harwood spent last Monday with W. N. Maxwell at Thompson. They enjoyed the afternoon hunting.

Justice Allen Stallings united in marriage Tuesday afternoon Thomas F. Burkett and Miss Dolly Quisenberry, both of this county.

J. W. Day and Miss Lizzie Franklin, both of this county, were issued marriage license Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Martin and son, Charles Robert, will visit soon at Ashland, N. C.

Miss Lizzie Sanford has returned from a ten weeks' tour of the southern part of the State in the interest of the order of Lady Macabees.

GOING FAST!

The reduced prices we are making on

Ladies' and Misses' Suits Cloaks and Millinery

is certainly selling the goods and if you are or expect to be in the near future in need of a coat suit or piece of millinery DON'T FAIL to take advantage of this splendid opportunity to get one below the actual cost of production. When we advertise reduction we mean it and deliver the goods as advertised.

Ladies' Cloaks

\$25.00	CLOAKS	REDUCED TO	\$16.50
20.00	"	"	14.75
18.00	"	"	12.00
15.00	"	"	9.75
12.00	"	"	8.50
10.00	"	"	7.50
8.00	"	"	5.75

Ladies' and Misses' Suits

\$25.00	SUITS	REDUCED TO	\$16.50
22.00	"	"	15.00
20.00	"	"	13.50

Millinery

\$8.00 and \$10.00	Millinery	Reduced to	\$4.98
6.00 and 7.00	"	"	3.98
4.00 and 5.00	"	"	2.98
3.00 and 3.50	"	"	1.98

Holiday Goods of all Kinds.

Rugs
Toys
Fancy Notions
Handkerchiefs
Waists
Furs
Lamps

Shoes
Fancy China
Dolls
Fancy Silks
Books
Pictures
Scarfs

Fredendall & Wilkins

Hollensville.

Joe Mason, who is in from Texas says his wife now has better health than at any time since they went there, about ten years ago. Her brother Kennet is rather better than usual and was able to farm this year, but her mother, Mrs. Sallie Berrey, is never well. These people were our old neighbors, but moved to Texas hoping that the health of several members of the family would be improved. While glad to know their hopes have been partially realized, a host of their Missouri friends will be sorry to learn that the one who seemingly had almost perfect health is now so very frail.

Rev. Gorton preached his farewell sermon at Midway Christian church Sunday evening two weeks ago. During his year with us he has made many friends who are sorry to have him leave and wish him success in his new field. There were twenty seven additions to the church under his preaching, one at the last service.

Mr. Martin Mason, of Cecil, Monroe, died Dec. 6. He was 87 years of age and had been in poor health for a long time; his wife was buried a little over a week ago and he did not long survive his. He was twice married, his first wife was a Miss Powers and his last a Miss Bryant. He was the father of a large family of children, most of whom are still living. We extend sympathy to them and to other relatives and friends, by whom "Uncle Mart," as he was familiarly known, will be sadly missed, and not more so than will his good wife.

Lots of Nice Things for Xmas Presents.

We have boys' wagons, boys' skates, pocket knives, carving sets, Nickel plated copper, granite, and aluminum tea kettles, chafing dishes, baking dishes, beef and turkey roasters, Majestic Ranges and Radiant Home heaters. Any of these would make nice Xmas gifts. Ferris & Cauthorn.

Attorneys W. H. Logan and E. C. Kennen of Laddonia were here this week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sims visited friends near Thompson first of the week.

J. C. Wilkins and family, late of this city, are now established in their new home at Austin, Texas.

Order of Publication.

State of Missouri) In the Circuit Court
County of Audrain) Jan. term, A.D. 1909
French P. Wood - - - Plaintiff

vs.
Thomas Fisher, if living, and the unknown heirs and devisees of Thomas Fisher, and those claiming by or through him or them - - - Defendants.

Now this December 8th, 1908, comes plaintiff and files with the Clerk of the Audrain County Circuit Court, in vacation, his petition wherein among other things Plaintiff states that he is the owner in fee and claims to have the fee simple title to the following described real estate situated in Audrain County and State of Missouri, to-wit: 33 1/2 acres off the South end of the East half (1/2) of the South-east quarter of Section 12, Township Fifty-two, Range 9, West, except 20 acres off the West side thereof, also all that part of a tract of 33 1/2 acres off the South end of lot three (3) in the South-west quarter of Section seven (7), Township Fifty-two, Range 8, West, which lies North of the public road which runs east and west near and along the south line of said Section Seven. And plaintiff says that he and those through and under whom he claims title to said lands have for more than 30 years last past, been in the quiet, peaceable, continuous, notorious, open and adverse possession thereof, claiming the same and paying all the taxes thereon.

And plaintiff states that it appears from the records of Audrain County, Missouri, that defendant Thomas Fisher on March 13th, 1837 had title to all of said land, but whether he conveyed the same or disposed of it by will or otherwise is unknown to plaintiff.

That the present abode of said Thomas Fisher, if living, is wholly unknown to plaintiff, and plaintiff says that he does not know and has no means of knowing whether the said Thomas Fisher be now living or whether he left surviving him, if dead, a widow or any descendants or other heirs or assigns who might claim some title or interest in said lands adverse to the title of plaintiff, but that if he, the said Thomas Fisher, be dead and did not convey said lands away in his life time nor devise them by will, then his widow, if living, and whatever heirs there may be to his estate have an apparent title and interest of record in all of said lands, being such title and interest apparent as they would derive by descent from Thomas Fisher under the laws of Missouri. And plaintiff says that he cannot insert the name of the said widow of Thomas Fisher nor his said heirs nor devisees because their names are unknown to him, and that he has described the interests of all such persons, and how derived, as far as his knowledge extends.

It is therefore ordered by the Clerk of the Audrain County Circuit Court, in vacation, that publication be made herein, notifying the defendants aforesaid, that suit has been commenced against them in the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to ask said Court to try, ascertain and determine the interest and title of plaintiff and defendants respectively in and to said real estate hereinbefore described, and by its decree adjudge, settle and define whatever interests the said parties may have therein. And now, you, Thomas Fisher, if living, and the un-

known heirs and devisees of Thomas Fisher and those claiming, by, through or under him or them, are hereby notified of the filing of this suit, the object and general nature thereof, and unless you be and appear at the next regular term of the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri, to be begun and held at the Court House in Mexico, Audrain County, Missouri, on the 3rd Monday in January, 1909, and on or before the first day of said term answer or otherwise plead to Plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken as confessed and decree rendered as prayed.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published in the Mexico Missouri Message, a weekly newspaper published in Audrain County, Missouri, for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least 15 days before the first day of the said next term of said Court.

A true copy from record.

Attest: W. H. MORRIS,
(Seal) Clerk Circuit Court.
PEARL M. MORRIS,
Deputy Clerk.

W. H. Morris, ill with typhoid fever, is improving.

For the low rate excursion to Kansas City Saturday, Dec. 19th, the Chicago & Alton will sell for train No. 23, due Mexico 1:06 a. m., Saturday morning, in addition to the special train leaving at 7:30 a. m., Saturday. Inquire for full particulars.

E. F. Mathews
Tkt. Agt., C. & A. R. R.
Mexico, Mo.

North Liberty.

Miss La Reine Warden has returned from Martinsville, Va., to spend the holidays at home.

Mrs. Sam Bise spent the day with Mrs. G. E. Younger last Wednesday.

Mrs. I. P. Dyer was the guest of Mrs. B. F. James Friday.

Misses Jennie James and Wilda Lockridge visited Miss La Reine Warden Sunday.

Mrs. Fannie A. Roberts entertained Elmer Edwards and wife and little daughters of near Benton City and Paul and James Younger, Willie Everett and W. S. Edwards and family at Sunday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bise visited B. F. James and family last Sunday.

Mrs. Charlie Roberts and little Miss Marion of Columbia are the guests of B. F. James and family.

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt sent a picture of her husband and her four sons to the old Ladies Home in this city to be sold at the bazaar this week. Some Republican friend should have that picture.

Mrs. V. V. Smith, near Gant, came to the bedside of her father in this city last week, Mr. Ficklin, who was taken very ill.

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A splendid piano bargain for Christmas. This piano must not be considered in connection with the cheaply constructed instruments that are used in special sales and advertised at twice their values.

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Description of Case.

Fancy selected mahogany veneered inside and out. Hand carved, natural wood trimmings. A beautiful and artistic design. 4 feet 10 inches high.



Features of Action.

Full metal frame, overstrung copper base, Ivory keys, Ebony flats, Improved scale, solid brass continuous hinges, pedals and all exposed parts.

Undoubtedly this is the best value ever offered you in a piano. We are putting a low price on a fine instrument. Six other piano bargains in our stock.

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